



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 546

February Session, 2008

* SB00546CE_APP031308 *

AN ACT CONCERNING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR STAR STUDENTS IN CONNECTICUT MIDDLE SCHOOLS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) The Department of
2 Economic and Community Development shall contract with the
3 Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology to establish a pilot
4 program, to be known as the "Star Student Pilot Program". Such
5 program shall provide seventh and eighth grade students who are
6 outstanding in science and mathematics with the opportunity to
7 become familiar with high technology businesses, universities,
8 manufacturers and research centers in the state. The Connecticut
9 Center for Advanced Technology shall work with appropriate trade
10 associations and economic clusters to provide a program that will
11 introduce the high technology field to the students in order to
12 encourage student interest in high technology and to provide
13 information about educational opportunities and career paths.

14 (b) The pilot program shall be available to public middle school
15 students in East Hartford and West Hartford. Students may be
16 nominated for the program in a manner to be determined by each
17 school, provided the students nominated have demonstrated aptitude
18 for science and mathematics.

19 (c) (1) Not later than August 1, 2008, the Connecticut Center for

20 Advanced Technology shall submit a plan for the pilot program to the
 21 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, and to the
 22 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance
 23 of matters relating to commerce. Such plan shall include the planned
 24 range of available activities, an estimate of the number of students who
 25 may be served, the proposed nonschool hours during which the pilot
 26 program will be conducted and a budget for transportation of students
 27 and for other necessary expenses.

28 (2) Not later than August 1, 2009, and annually thereafter, the
 29 Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology shall submit a report on
 30 the pilot program to the Commissioner of Economic and Community
 31 Development and to the joint standing committee of the General
 32 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce. Such
 33 report shall include consideration of the activities of the pilot program,
 34 evaluations of the program from students, parents of students,
 35 teachers at the middle schools and from companies, universities,
 36 manufacturers and research centers involved in the program, and
 37 recommendations for any changes to the program.

38 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) The sum of three hundred thousand
 39 dollars is appropriated to the Department of Economic and
 40 Community Development, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year
 41 ending June 30, 2009, for purposes of a grant to the Connecticut Center
 42 for Advanced Technology to establish and operate the pilot program
 43 established in section 1 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section

CE

Joint Favorable Subst. C/R

APP